

Questions of autopsy doctors:

Why and by what authority was Doctor Humes working on the autopsy at home? Why and by what authority did he take ~~this~~ these records to his home? Why and by what authority, or by whose orders, instructions or suggestions, did he destroy those papers he burned in his fireplace? And certify it? (p.183)

Specify what was destroyed, where and when, and what remained. When pictures and X-rays were taken of the President's body, and when the doctors testified these were "of most value" and "quite routine" in autopsies, why did they assume the pictures and X-rays would not be available for their use in preparation for their testimony and for use during it? Were they so informed, or was any indication of this of whatever nature made to them? As experts in forensic medicine, do they believe that in the presence of the existence of these photographs and X-rays, their testimony without the photographs and X-ray for use and reference during it, was competent testimony? Did they not, in fact, testify with their "best evidence"? Why, especially because they are qualified in forensic medicine, did they not demand these photographs and X-rays for use during their testimony?

Were all his autopsy papers, of whatever form or character, included in Exhibit 397? If not, what were not, and what happened to them? (it is obvious some are not)

Why did it take two days to complete the autopsy? What is the normal time? What are the applicable Federal regulations and Maryland law?

Is it normal, even accepted, to use such sources as newspaper stories, then not in the first person? (p.183)

Did Dr. Humes ever tell Dr. Perry what the autopsy would say, what theory he had developed or was considering - anything about the autopsy? (p.181)

Did Dr. Perry in any way indicate the anterior neck wound was of entrance, or a puncture wound? (Exhibit 397, pp. 183-4) (If answer is no, why did he so state in holograph; if answer is yes, why did he strike from holograph - why did he so state if not so, and what did burned copy say of this?) How many drafts of the autopsy did he write, prior to the typed version?

Why did he change the fact in the autopsy? (p.183) Be "Puncture" neck wound (184) On what basis, and in accord with what principles of forensic medicine, did he go into the angles of the shots, which is speculation, rather than the angles of the injuries he could measure in the body? Was the body in a normal, straight position when he made his measurements? Was there more than one rear wound, aside from the head?

Did he, in any way, trace or see the path of a bullet of rear entrance through the President's body and exiting the neck? How? How many? From the front? How did he in either case determine entrance to exclusion of other direction?

Why was it not possible to probe the rear, non-fatal wound? Was any effort made to probe from front?

Did anyone from FBI consult or observe him in any way, at any time, or have access to any of his notes or working papers, of any kind or character? How can he reconcile FBI report and his autopsy re: posterior non-fatal wound?

Are special forms for autopsies required by Federal regulation or practise and/or Maryland law? Were they executed? When? By Whom? Copies? Where filed? To whom did he give this or these, when? Document Commission used?